

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

AISD1

SUBJECT

Stockton, California UFOB

TO Commander
4602d AISS
Ent Air Force Base
Colo Spgs, Colo

FROM Officer in Charge
Det 1, 4602d AISS
Hamilton AF Base
California

DATE 1 Oct 56 COMMENT NO. 1
1/Lt Olcott/elm/1 Oct 56

Stockton, Cal

In answer to AISOP TWX Nr. 0857, the following information has been developed:

1. Captain of United Airlines Flight [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Avenue, Los Altos, California. Phone: [REDACTED]

2. a. Persons who witnessed subject UFOB at Stockton Radio:

- (1) [REDACTED], Stockton, California
(2) [REDACTED], Stockton, California

b. Person who witnessed subject UFOB at the Monterey Naval Air Station:

A03 Ira Lewis, 2nd Division Naval Air Facility, Monterey, California.

3. Air traffic that may have accounted for UFOB:

Negative.

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A. H. De FRANCISCO, Capt., USAF
Asst Officer In Charge

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TO OIC FLT 1C 4602ND AISS NORTON AFB CALIF

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/UNCLAS/AISOC 0855 PD THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMATION COPY OF

UFOB SIGHTING OVER STOCKTON CALIFORNIA PD

(1) (A) SHAPE OF A STAR (ROUND) PD (1) (B) HEAD OF A PIN AT ARMS LENGTH PD

(1) (C) SAME AS STAR PD (1) (D) ONE PD (1) (E) N/A PD (1) (F) LOOKED LIKE

A STAR PD (1) (G) NOEEEEEEEEEE NONE PD (1) (H) NONE PD (1) (I) NOEEEEEEEEEE

NONE PD (2) (A) NOTICED FROM AIRCRAFT PD (2) (C) DIRECTLY OVER STOCKTON

HEADING EAST AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED PD (2) (C) DIRECTLY OVER STOCKTON

HEADING EAST AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED PD (2) (D) N/A PD (2) (E) FADE OUT PD

(2) (F) ONE MINUTE PD (3) (A) AIR-VISUAL PD (3) (B) NONE PD (3) (C)

DC-4 CMM 9,000 FEET CMM UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT PD (4) (A) 14/0534Z

SEP 56 PD (4) (B) NIGHT PD (5) SANTA BARBARA NORTH TO SAN FRANCISCO,

CALIF PD (6) (A) CMM CMM WOODLAND

HILLS CMM CALIFORNIA PD AGE 38 CMM AIRLINES CAPTAIN CMM UNITED AIRLINES

PD (6) (B) NONE PD (7) (A) GARBLED PD (7) (B) 10,000-180; 25,000-230/70;

35,000-220/95 PD (7) (C) UNLIMITED PD (7) (D) UNLIMITED PD (7) (E)

NONE PD (7) (F) ,NONE PD (8) NOEEEEEEEEEEEEEE NONE (9) TWO F86D,S

FROM SFR WERE SCRAMBLED AT 0633Z UNDER SLIPHORNS CONTROL PD NEGATIVE

RESULTS PD (10) AIRLINE CAPTAIN ON UNITED FLIGHT PD (11) DIRECTOR OF INTEL CMM 28TH AIR DIV (DEF) CMM HAMILTON AFB

CMM CALIFORNIA PD NO COMMENT PD PILOT OF UNITED FLIGHT

FIRST NOTICED THE OBJECT OVER SANTA BARBARA A T THE TIME HE WAS

STUDYING THE BIG DIPPER AND NOTICED WHAT APPEARED TO BE ONE

SURPLUS STAR IN THE CONSTELLATION PD AT ABOUT THIS TIME THE LIGHT

BEGAN TO MOVE CMM GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO CMM DIRECT TO STOCKTON CMM

DIRECT TO SAN FRANCISCO CMM STOCKTON WHERE IT FADED PD CAPTAIN

OF UNITED FLIGHT 736 CMM STOCKTON RADIO AND MONTERERY NAVY ALSO

REPORTED SIGHTING CMM ALL GIVING SIMILAR DESCRIPTION AS FLIGHT 459

PD (12) NONE PD

PROCEED ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE PD END

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TO OIC DET 1 4602D AISS, HAMILTON AFB, CALIF

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 0857 PD REFERENCE TT MSG 280 ID 06677 DATED 17 SEP 56
FROM COMAIRDIVDEF 28, HAMILTON AFB, CALIF PD REQUEST YOU OBTAIN NAME AND
ADDRESS OF THE FOLLOWING CLN 1. CAPTAIN OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT [REDACTED]
DATE OF SIGHTING PD 2. PERSONS WHO WITNESSED SUBJECT UFOB AT STOCKTON RADIO

AND MONTEREY NAVAL STATION PD PARA ALSO REQUEST YOU CHECK ON ANY AIR
TRAFFIC IN AREA WHICH COULD POSSIBLY ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING PD END

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19/2210Z SEP RJEDEN

Stockton, CA

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Long Distance Telephone Conversation

Commander, 4602d AISS

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Lt. Machyowsky19
29 Sep 56
1400 hours
AISS # 12

1. Long distance telephone conversation between Lt. Sauter, Flt 1-C, 4602d AISS and Lt. Machyowsky of this Headquarters.
2. Lt. Machyowsky requested that Flt 1-C conduct complete follow-up investigation of UFOB reported in Stockton, California area 14/0534Z September 1956.
3. Lt Machyowsky and Lt. Sauter discussed various details of sighting.
4. Lt. Machyowsky stated no TDY would be authorized.
5. Lt. Sauter stated Flt 1-C would initiate the investigation as soon as possible.

JOSEPH A. MACHYOWSKI, 2nd Lt., USAF
Assistant OIC, AISOC

4602D AISS UFOB REPT. 357
DATE-TIME GROUP 14/0534 Z 4p 56
STOCKTON, CALIF.

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 ZEN/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC
 ZEN/COMDR 4602ND AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQ HAMILTON AFB CALIF
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 STOCKTON HEADING EAST AT HIGH RARE OF SPEED (2)(D) N/A PD (2)(E)
 FADE OUT PD (2)(F) ONE MINUTE PD (3)(A) AIR-VISUAL PD (3)(B) NONE
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 140534Z SEPT 56 PD (4)(B) NIGHT PD (5) SANTA BARBARA NORTH TO SAN
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CMA [REDACTED] CMA WOODLAND HILLS
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 (7)(F) NONE PD (8) NONE PD (9)

TWO F36D'S FROM SFR WERE SCRAMBLED AT
0633Z UNDER SLIPHORN'S CONTROL PD NEGATIVE RESULTS PD (10) AIRLINE
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NONE PD

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VERSATION PD FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED PD INITIAL SIGHTING
BY CAPTAIN [REDACTED] WAS AT SANTA BARBARA CMM CALIFORNIA AT
2135 HOURS PST CMM 9000 FEET ON A HEADING OF 313 DEGREES PD OB-
JECT APPEARED AS EXTRA STAR IN BIG DIPPER PD ALTITUDE AND GEO-
GRAPHIC POSITION IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE PD IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THIS CMM OBJECT TRAVELED EASTWARD AT HIGH SPEED AND THEN REMAINED
STATIONARY AT A POINT EAST OF AND THE LENGTH OF THE BIG DIPPER PD
OBJECT REMAINED IN THIS POSITION FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES
AND THEN RETURNED TO THE AREA OF THE BIG DIPPER PD SEVERAL MIN-

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UTES LATER THE OBJECT TRAVELED AT THE SAME SPEED TO A POSITION
WEST OF AND THE LENGTH OF THE BIG DIPPER AND REMAINED STATIONARY
FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND THEN RETURNED AGAIN TO THE DIPPER
PD AT APPROXIMATELY 2245 HOURS PST THE OBJECT TRAVELED EASTWARD
AT HIGH SPEED UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT PD AT THIS TIME CAP-
TAIN RADERMACHER WAS OVER LIVERMORE CALIFORNIA WHICH IS APPROX-
IMATELY 30 MILES EAST OF SAN FRANCISCO PD ENTIRE OBSERVATION
LASTED APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND TEN MINUTES PD CAPTAIN RADER-
MACHER STATED THAT AT ALL TIMES OBJECT APPEARED AS A STAR CMM DID
NOT CHANGE COLOR AND NO EXHAUST OR TAIL WAS VISIBLE PD ONE AIR
FORCE B-47 AIRCRAFT IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING AT AN ALTITUDE OF
APPROXIMATELY 40,000 FEET PD EXACT POSITION UNKNOWN PD OTHER OB-
SERVERS NOT CONTACTED PD ALL OBSERVATORIES GIVE NEGATIVE REPORTS
PD VERNALLIS NAVAL AIR STATION (DJPH 4337) REPORTS PIBAL BALLOON
RELEASED AT 140400Z HOURS SEP 56 PD NO TRACKING INFORMATION AVAIL-
ABLE CMM BALLOON BURST AT AN ALTITUDE OF 80,000 FEET PD TEMPERATURE
INVERSION AT 2300 FEET IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA PD AIR FORCE FORM
112 FOLLOWS PD END

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UFOB			
AREA REPORTED ON STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA		FROM (Agency) Flight 1-C, 4602d Air Intel Svc Sqdn	
DATE OF REPORT 1 October 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 September 1956	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) LOUIS C SAUTER, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, TP MSGT AISOC 0855, 19 SEP 56			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

- I. CONTENTS: PART ONE: Description of Sighting by Mr. [REDACTED]
PART TWO: Supplementary Investigation
PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer
- II. SUMMARY: This report contains information on the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over the San Francisco-Stockton area on the evening of 13 September 1956. This information was obtained from the observer and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause.
- III. INVESTIGATOR: 1st Lt LOUIS C SAUTER

Louis C. Sauter
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1st Lt USAF
OIC, FLT 1-C, 4602d AISS

APPROVED:

John W. Meador
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Colonel, USAF
Commander

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INCL:

1. Statement of SOURCE
2. Route Flown by SOURCE
3. Sky Diagram

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I. SOURCE:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED], Woodland Hills, California
Age: 38
Occupation: Capt., United Airlines
Education: 2 1/2 years college, University of Wisconsin
Qualifications: Has flown actively since 1940, 11,300 hours.

II. RELIABILITY:

GOOD. In a personal interview SOURCE appeared to be sincere and positive in all of his statements. He seemed genuinely interested in giving all aid possible to determine the cause of this incident.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING AND EVENTS: SOURCE had taken off from BURBANK, CALIFORNIA, (EJBE 3913) on a scheduled flight, UNITED AIRLINES # [REDACTED], to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, (DJNH 4045). For flight route refer to Incl #2. Upon reaching SANTA BARBARA radio, CALIFORNIA (EJAE 1431) at 2135 PST at a cruising altitude of 9000 ft, the aircraft was turned to a magnetic heading of 313 degrees. Upon completion of the turn SOURCE noticed what appeared to be an extra star in the Big Dipper. Refer to Incl #3. Within a few seconds after this the extra "star" was observed to move in an easterly direction to a point East of the Big Dipper. Refer to Incl #3. It remained stationary for approximately five minutes. At that time the object returned to the area of the Big Dipper, then moved westward and again remained stationary for approximately five minutes, refer to Incl #3. It again returned to the area of the constellation and remained in that vicinity. At approximately 2235 PST the object moved to the East at a very high rate of speed until it faded from sight. Shortly after the initial sighting, SOURCE called PASO ROBLES (DJQF 2240) radio and asked them to give him an Air Defense frequency as he would like to report this object and possibly aid in an interception. Frequency 121.5 was given to SOURCE with instructions to contact "Sliphorn" control. SOURCE contacted this station and reported his observations. Two fighters were scrambled at 0633Z (2233PST) with negative results.

A. SOURCE claimed that at all times the object appeared to be identical to a star. However, it did not blink - no visual aids were used.

B. SOURCE had no opinion on the size of the object. He stated that it looked just like any other star with the exception that it did not blink and it moved as described.

C. SOURCE gave no opinion as to what he thought the object was.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. MT. PALOMAR, WILSON AND LICK OBSERVATORIES were contacted with negative results.
2. [REDACTED], LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA (DJNH 5323) on Flight 736 (UAL) also sighted object and gave similar description.
3. A check with Hamilton Flight Service Center revealed one B-47 aircraft in the area at 40,000 feet during the time of the observation.
4. NAAS VERNALIS, VERNALIS, CALIFORNIA (DJPH 4136) was contacted and an inquiry made into balloon launchings. One "rawinsonde" balloon was released from NAAS VERNALIS at 2100 PST. No tracking information was available on the balloon. However, it did burst at 80,000 feet. Time of rupture was not recorded.
5. A check with NORTON AFB weather station, Det 7, 6th Weather Group, revealed that this type balloon has an average ascension rate of 1000 ft/min. Since the balloon was released at 2100 PST, at this rate of ascent it is very probable that it would be in a position to be visible at the time of the sighting and very possibly still reflecting sunlight. Winds as reported by OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, at 1900 PST are as follows:

<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>WIND</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>TEMPERATURE</u>
5,000 ft	250°	9 knots	
10,000 ft	180°	8 knots	
15,000 ft	205°	41 knots	
20,000 ft	210°	57 knots	
25,000 ft	230°	70 knots	
30,000 ft	220°	93 knots	
35,000 ft	220°	95 knots	
40,000 ft	230°	92 knots	-46.6
45,000 ft	230°	80 knots	-56.5
50,000 ft	230°	58 knots	-62.4
55,000 ft	210°	29 knots	-62
60,000 ft	210°	13 knots	-62
65,000 ft	210°	4 knots	-61
70,000 ft	040°	6 knots	-55
75,000 ft	030°	8 knots	-52.5
80,000 ft	330°	3 knots	-49.6

These winds would not explain the wide distance covered by the object nor its apparent speed but further consultation with NORTON AFB weather station revealed that winds at extreme altitude, (70,000 ft and above) are subject to rapid change in velocity.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: It is very probable that the balloon released from VERNALIS NAS was the object in question. High level winds and reflected sunlight could very well give the appearance described.

Louis C. Sauter
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1st Lt USAF

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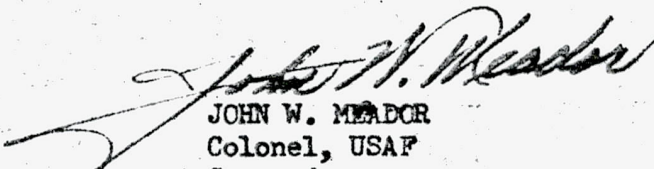
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COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur with the basic conclusion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by a "rawinsonde" balloon. However, it is doubtful that reflected sunlight caused the star-like appearance of the object. Most likely, this appearance was caused by the light which is attached to "rawinsonde" balloons released at night.


JOHN W. MEADOR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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INCL # 1: Statement of SOURCE

STATEMENT

September 22, 1956

On flight [redacted] United Air Lines, I Captain [redacted] First Officer [redacted] and Stewardess [redacted] departed Burbank, California for San Francisco as scheduled at 2100 PST.

At 2135 PST over Santa Barbara at 9000 feet above sea level, planned flight level on a 313° magnetic heading, I sighted an object which appeared to be a star in the big dipper. I mentioned to my first officer, "Hey there's one too many stars in the big dipper tonight". Shortly thereafter said object started to travel as diagramed.

At all times for approximately one hour and ten minutes said object appeared as just another star, that had a mind of it's own.

I have no idea what I saw, I have never seen in thirteen years with United Air Lines anything even similar to this.

Sincerely

s/ [redacted]

STATEMENT

TRUE COPY

Louis C. Sauter

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1st Lt USAF

OIC, Flt 1-C, 4602d AISS

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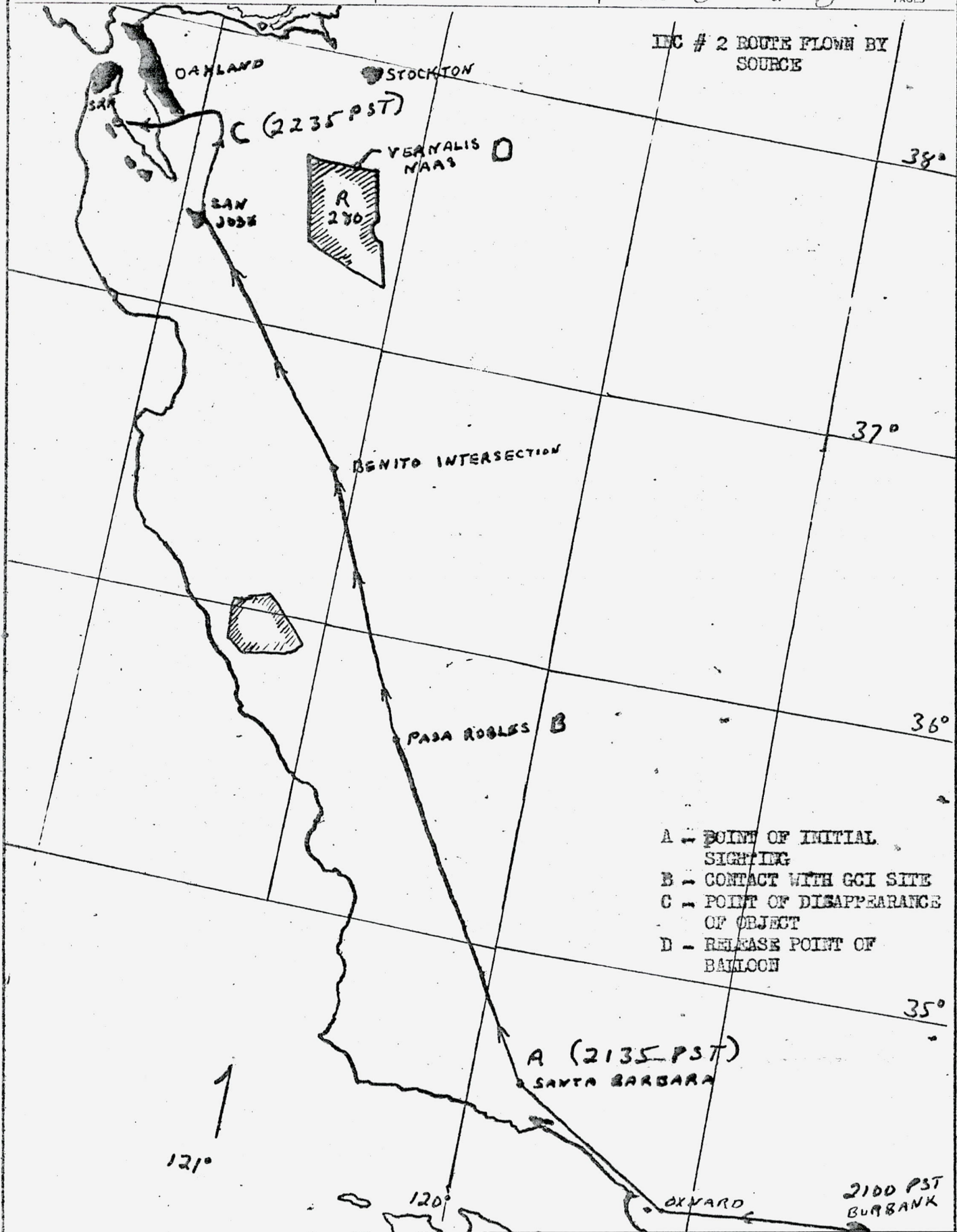
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INCL # 3 SKY DIAGRAM



A - " BIG DIPPER "

1 - Point at which object was located on initial sighting

2 - Second position of object

3 - Third position of object

4 - Direction in which object was traveling when it disappeared

AIRBORNE OBSERVER'S DATA SHEET

The purpose of this data sheet is to provide data that will aid in evaluating reports of unidentified flying objects that are observed from aircraft in flight.

It is preferred that the answers be typewritten, however, if it will expedite the completion of the form, the answers may be printed in ink. If additional space is needed, use the reverse side of the form or use extra sheets of paper and attach them to this form.

1. Date observation was made:

13 SEPT 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time observation was made:

2135 P ☐ Daylight
Time Zone Saving

☒ Standard

or

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3. Exact location of aircraft when the observation was first made.

119°48'W 34°32'N
Coordinates

4. Crew members who made the observation. (List each one)

Name

Rank

Crew Position

[REDACTED]

CAPTAIN

1ST OFFICER

STEWARDESS

5. Aircraft Identification a. Type aircraft <u>DC-4</u> b. Serial No. _____ c. Home Station <u>LEFT</u> <u>FROM BURBANK, CALIF.</u>	6. Flight Data a. Heading <u>313°</u> ☒ Mag ☐ True ☐ Compass b. Ind. Altitude <u>9000'</u> c. Ind. Airspeed <u>170</u> ☒ Knots ☐ MPH
7. Was an attempt made to detect the object on airborne radar? (Circle one) Yes. No. <u>No Radar.</u> Radar Inoperative. a. If yes, describe _____ _____ _____ _____	
8. Was an intercept attempted? (Circle one) Yes <u>No</u>	
9. Were photographs taken? (Circle one) Yes <u>No</u>	
10. Were any other aircraft seen in the area? (Circle one) Yes <u>No</u> a. If yes, was any attempt made to contact them? Comments: <u>BUT,</u> <u>UNITED FLITE SFO-LAX MAINTAINED OR</u> <u>CONVERSATION AND ALSO SIGHTED OBJECT AND REPORTED</u> <u>SAME TO "SLIPHORN"</u>	
11. Were any nearby ground stations contacted during or soon after the sighting? (Circle one) <u>Yes</u> No Comments: <u>PRB INSAC REQUESTED PRB TO OBTAIN ADC</u> <u>CONTACTED, ALSO MRY TWR AND SCR TWR,</u> <u>AND NOQ TWR</u>	

12. Were any unusual disturbances noted on the compass or radio?

(Circle one) Yes No

Comments: _____

13. Was any turbulence noted? (Circle one) Yes ☐ No ☒

Comments: _____

14. Estimate how long you saw the object.

<u> 1 </u>	<u> 10 </u>	<u> </u>
Hours	Minutes	Seconds

Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 14.

a. Certain

c. Not very sure

b. Fairly certain

d. Just a guess

15. What was the condition of the sky? (Circle one)

a. Bright daylight

d. Just a trace of daylight

b. Dull daylight

e. No trace of daylight

c. Bright twilight

f. Don't remember

16. If you saw the object during daylight, twilight, or dawn, where was the sun located as you looked at the object? (Circle one)

a. In front of you

d. To your left

b. In back of you

e. Overhead

c. To your right

f. Don't remember

17. If you saw the object at night, twilight, or dawn, what did you notice concerning the stars and moon?

Stars (Circle one)

a. None

b. A few

Many

d. Don't remember

Moon (Circle one).

a. Bright moon light

b. Dull moonlight

c. No moonlight - pitch dark

d. Don't remember

18. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky? (Circle one)

- ☒ a. Yes. b. No. c. Don't remember.

19. Cloud cover (Circle one)

☒ Clear

Above scatter clouds

Overcast

Below scattered clouds

Undercast

Through scattered clouds

Between two layers

Other _____

20. Did the object:

(Circle one for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |

21. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle one) Yes ☒ No Don't Know. If you answered yes, then

tell what it moved behind. _____

22. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a

cloud? (Circle one) Yes ☒ No Don't Know. If you answered yes,

then tell what it moved in front of. _____

23. Did the object appear: (Circle one) ☒ a. Solid? b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

24. The edges of the object were: (Circle one)

a. Fuzzy or blurred

e. Other _____

☒ b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

d. Don't remember

25. If there was more than one object, then how many were there?

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

NA

26. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following object held in the hand and at about arm's length? (Circle one)

a. Head of a pin

g. Silver dollar

b. Pea

h. Baseball

c. Dime

i. Grapefruit

d. Nickel

j. Basketball

e. Quarter

k. Other JUST LIKE A STAR

f. Half dollar

OF THE BIG DIPPER

27. Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 26.

☒ a. Certain

c. Not very sure

b. Fairly certain

d. Uncertain

28. How did the object or objects disappear from view? AFTER TRAVERSING
60° OFF OUR HEADING TO THE EAST AND THEN RETURNING
TO LENGTH OF BIG DIPPER HANDLE TO THE WEST OF
IT THEN BACK EAST UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT

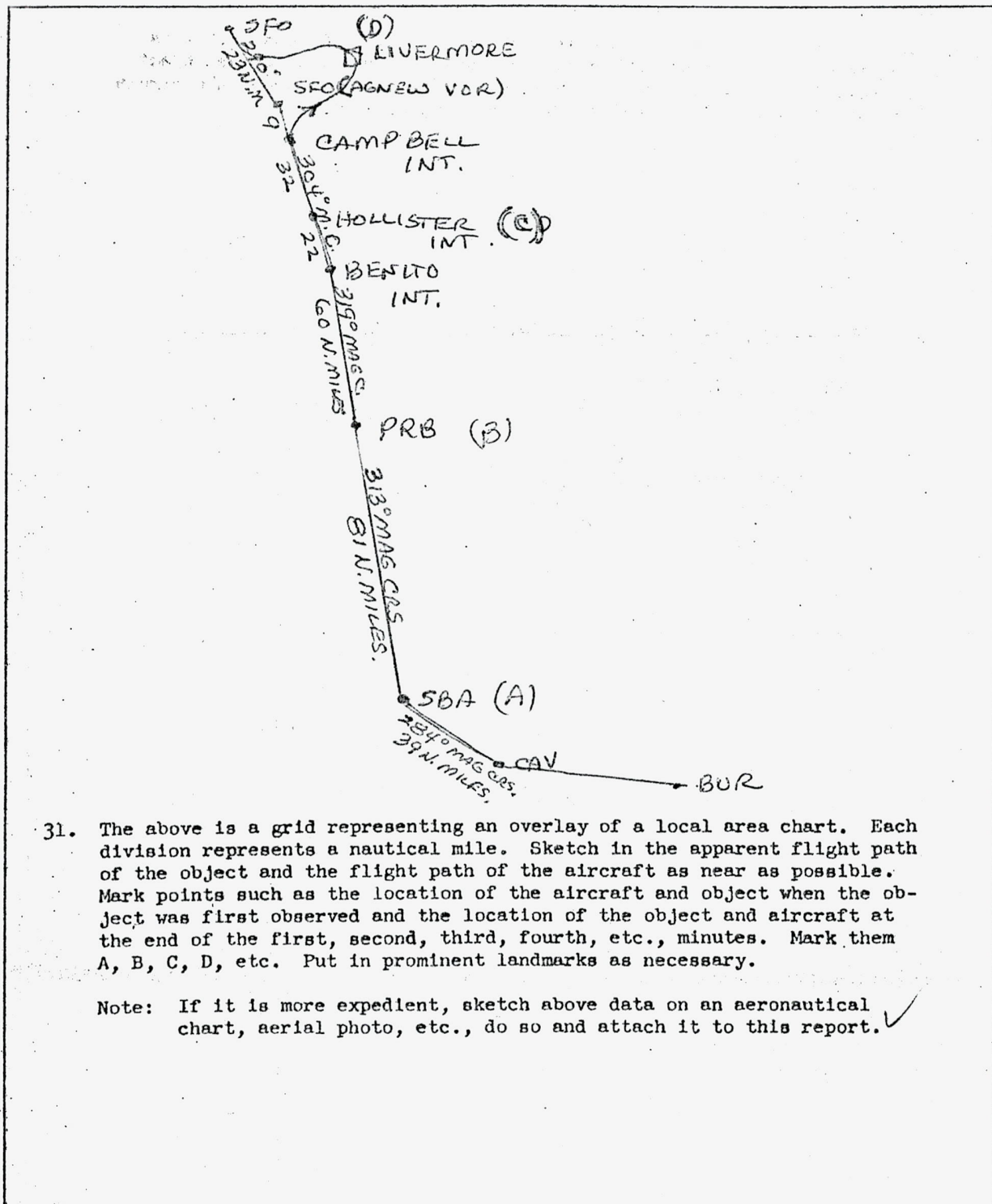
29. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle one) ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered no, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

30. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA.



32. At each point (i.e., position at each minute) A, B, C, etc., that is requested in the preceeding question, show the location of the object in relation to the aircraft by placing an "X" on the edge of the circle at the o'clock position and state high, low, or level.

